

This may be our last battle. We believe that it is the beginning of our final triumph.

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SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS CLAIM THEY SEE HINT OF FORCE BILL IN MESSAGE.

Advices Come from the Administration Sources that the President Means to Indicate His Support of the Famous Bill, Championed by the Late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts in Earlier Days--A Word about Mobs

(Preston News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Southern Senators and Representatives are becoming more and more irate over the interpretation they read into President Coolidge's references to the Negro in his message to Congress.

Hints have come from Administration sources that the President meant to indicate his support of the famous Force Bill that the late Senator Lodge of Massachusetts championed in earlier days. It was this bill, calling for Federal supervision of the polls and potentially the use of Federal troops to see that the Negro was not kept away from the ballot box in the South, that so inflamed many Southerners that they never forgave Lodge.

Lodge's first big fight in Congress was made on this measure, which went down finally under the bitterest kind of assault. But whether Mr. Coolidge really intended to revive this issue or whether he desired to satisfy various Negro forces that he had him in the election are questions nobody is able to answer finally. The President said:

THE NEGRO.

"These developments have brought about a very remarkable improvement in the condition of the Negro race, gradually, but surely, with the almost universal sympathy of those among whom they live, the colored people are working out their own destiny. I firmly believe that it is better, for all concerned that they should be cheerfully accorded their full constitutional rights that they should be protected from all of those impositions to which, from their position, they naturally fall a prey, especially from the crime of lynching, and that they should receive every encouragement to become full partakers in all the blessings of our common American citizenship."

BASED ON LYNCHING PROTEST.

It was this phrase that was taken to mean indorsement of the bill, by the Southerners, although the prevalent opinion is that Mr. Coolidge's purpose was political rather than a serious effort to sponsor such legislation.

The storm of debate on this issue has raged through the halls of Congress for generations, with violent threats of a new session and civil war if the South ever should be subjected to Federal regulation of the polls. Conversation now among the Southerners is in the same tenor.

The most recent battle approaching the question was over the Lodge sponsored Anti-Lynching Bill. Underwood (Democrat Alabama) led a filibuster against the measure, which was attacked on the ground of constitutionality and invasion of State rights. The real feud, however, was that it would be the forerunner of the Force Bill or allied legislation.

NO LEGISLATION SUGGESTED.

Mr. Coolidge's message was taken to indorse the Anti-Lynching Bill as well as the more drastic legislation. The purpose, however, was to appease the Negroes without really intending to act is deduced from the fact that no legislation is in view to realize the aspirations the president expressed.

Also administration Senators admit no such legislation will be attempted seriously. None could possibly get into the hopper this session without blocking the supply bills. It may

be tried later before the elections, but only as a political gesture.

The point on which Southern Democratic hostility rises to its greatest height is the charge that Mr. Coolidge played with the Ku Klux Klan all the way before election and harbored no such kindly sentiments for the Negro until election day had passed and it became politically safe to do so.

WHITE FEMALES IN THE BLACK DISTRICT

A sensation was caused in this city Friday, 5th inst., by the raiding of a place on Jackson street, between Third and Fourth streets, known as "Lottie's Place" and three white females and six colored men were put under arrest. Two of the colored men are reported to have "stepped" from the second story window. One of them has not been seen since, but the other one was caught at the time. It is stated that the affair really occurred early in the afternoon and that no improper conduct was taking place at the time. The parties were bailed.

The cases were postponed until the 11th inst. All kinds of rumors were circulated concerning the affair. The Times-Dispatch of the 6th inst. published the following account of the affair:

WHITE WOMEN AND NEGROES ARRESTED

Charged with being disorderly, and being persons not of good fame, three white women and six Negro men were arrested last night in a house on East Jackson street in a raid conducted by Officers Mills, Butcher and Sanderson, of the Second Police Precinct.

"The women, one of them a rather striking blonde, were all fairly well dressed. They gave their ages as 25, 32 and 27. "All twelve furnished bail last night for their appearance in Police Court at 9:30 o'clock this morning. "Officers at the Second Station said last night that no raid of recent years had revealed such a sordid condition of affairs. The raid was the result of information furnished by some person who saw the three white women enter what they knew to be a Negro's house."

In Memoriam.

In loving remembrance of our dear sister, Rosa Clark, who departed this life one year ago, December 9, 1923:

How she lingered, racked with pain, That baffled skill and care; How she lingered, racked with pain And suffering hard to bear.

Human hands tried to save you, Sighs and tears were all in vain, But an angel came and bore you From this weary world of pain.

Nobody knows my longing, But few have seen me weep; I shed my tears with an aching heart While others are sound asleep.

(Signed)

LOIS JOHNSON
LUCILLE HOLMES

In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of my husband and our father, Thomas Jefferson Bowles, who departed this life thirteen years ago, December 12, 1911:

From this world of pain and sorrow, To a land of peace and rest, God has taken our dear loved one, Where he has found eternal rest.

We cannot forget him, While in this world we stay; God only knows our feeling Since you have passed away.

A happy home we once enjoyed, How sweet that memory still, But death has left a vacant chair That no one in this world can fill.

—By His Loving Wife and Children,
MAY ELLA BOWLES
RHODA MAHANES
RUTH BOWLES
ANNIE MINOR
VICTORIA BOWLES

WHITE GIFTS AT HARTSHORN.

The White Gift Exercises of Hartshorn College Sunday School will be given in the College Chapel Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The procession will begin promptly at 8 P. M. The public is invited.

MRS. RHINELANDER BELIEVES HER HUSBY WANTS TO RETURN

SAYS HE WOULD RETURN TO HER IF HE WAS NOT BEING HELD BY PARENTS.

(Preston News Service.)

NEW YORK CITY, December 12.—Leonard Kip Rhinelander is being kept away from his bride, Alice Beatrice Jones, by his father, according to City Judge Samuel F. Swinburner's suit to annul the marriage, retained by the bride to fight marriage on the ground that decep-

Tiger Flowers, Colored Middle-weight Defeats Johnny Wilson, Ex-Middle-weight Champion.

Delivers the K. O. in 3 Rounds--Tommy Gibbons, Great Light-Heavyweight Fighter Wins over "Kid" Norfolk Colored Light-Heavyweight in 6 Rounds--A Record Breaking Crowd--Benefit of Charity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Last night Johnny Wilson, former world's middleweight champion, suffered his first knockout in the scheduled ten-round semi-final at the hands of Tiger Flowers, sensational Atlanta colored middleweight. Referee Eddie Purdy stopped this contest after 2 minutes and 55 seconds in the third round when Flowers, with a savage attack, (Continued on page 8.)

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Goodwill Baptist Church, 410 N. Monroe street is a new unit to the Baptist Church, with a very broad program. Rev. W. B. Ball, pastor invites the public and his many friends to worship Sunday, December 14th, 11:30 A. M.; Sunday School, 3:30 P. M.; 8:30 P. M., subject, "The Church Militant". Special music. All are invited.
REV. W. B. BALL, Pastor.
F. BALL, Clerk.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS:

—Work on the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church is progressing steadily. The able Rev. Dr. A. W. Brown spends most of his time there.

—Mrs. S. L. M. Scott is still confined with a sprained knee, the result of a fall recently.

—Dr. A. H. Robins' 100 in 1 is giving general satisfaction. Every bottle recommends itself to such an extent as to sell another. Other remedies may be found there too.

—When it comes to furniture, you can find no better place than at Charles G. Jurgens' Sons. They have had an exclusiveness in furniture architecture that has been a wonder to all who have supplied their wants there.

—Hall a Checker Cab and be guaranteed first class service. The liberal patronage accorded this system of getting over ground has been highly gratifying to the management. Hall them or call up the station. See advertising announcement.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Blackwell, Jr. have returned from their motoring trip to Washington. They are elated over the beautiful scenes and the many places of interest they visited.

—You may not look as well as you would like to look, but if you will have your "picture taken" at the Brown's establishment, you will look so well that your best friend will more than admire you.

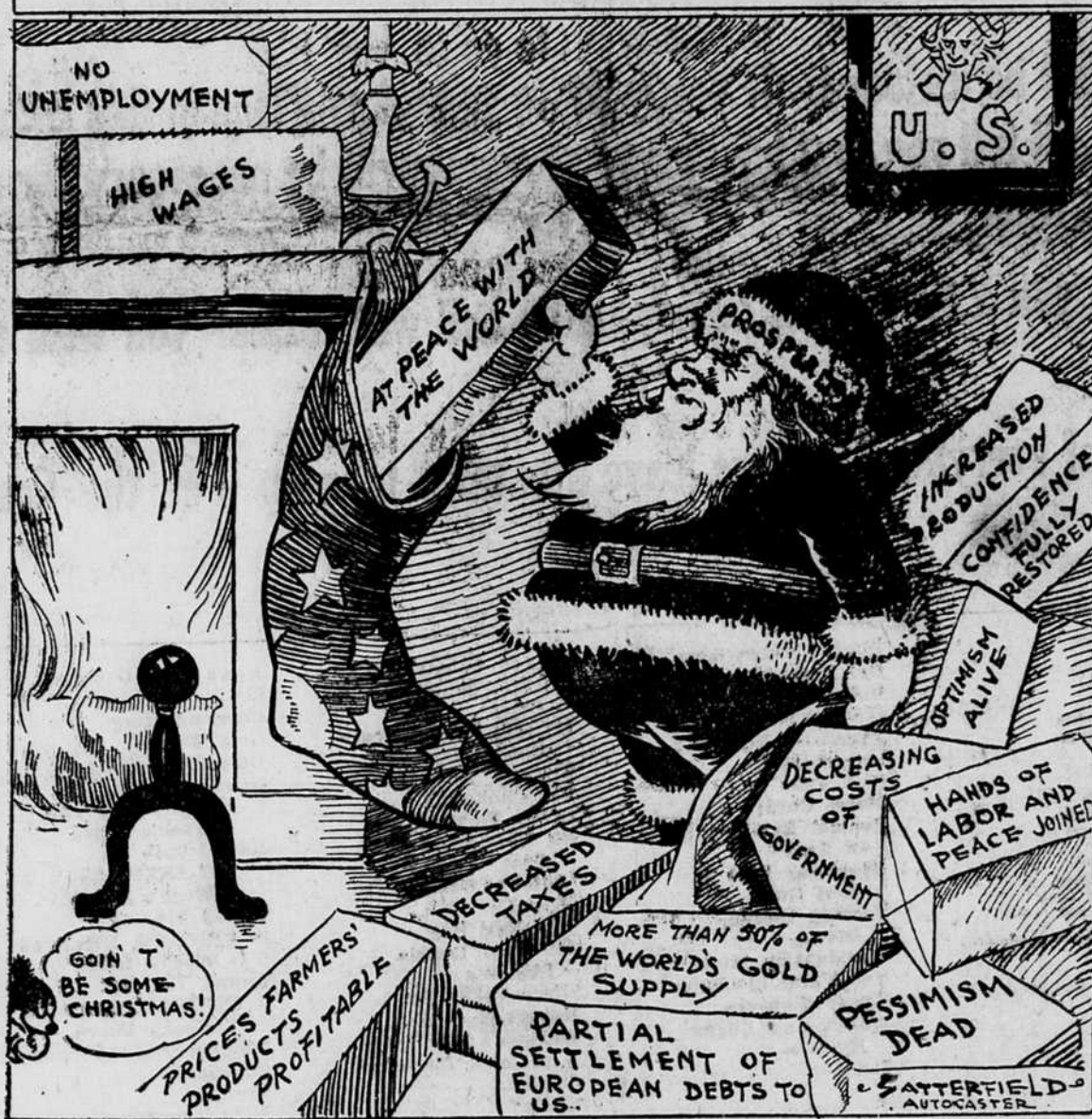
Polite colored chauffeurs operate the Checker Cab service both night and day. Give them your patronage and they will give you service at the cheapest possible rates. You can make the charge light. "Ride little, pay little; ride cheap, pay more."

Groceryman Edward Stewart has built up a big business by rendering first class service at reasonable prices. All he wants is a living for himself and family. He divides the rest with his customers. Patronize him.

—Stop that cough. Dr. Thomas T. Jeffries' great cough remedy will prevent serious trouble. Carry a bottle with you on your trip, whether hunting or otherwise.

—The City Jail is filled to overflowing. Free board and free lodging at the expense of the taxpayers is the watchword.

FOR YOUR UNCLE SAM



GOVERNOR E. LEE TRINKLE, who spoke a vast audience at the First Baptist Church, of which Dr. W. L. Ransome is Pastor.

A large and appreciative audience greeted the program at the First Baptist Church, South Richmond, on last Sunday afternoon. Governor E. Lee Trinkle was the speaker of the evening. His address was abundant in masterly advice and was punctuated with applause after applause. It was the first time many people had seen the Governor and many took advantage of the opportunity to shake his hands. He was accompanied by his wife.

The welcome address of Mr. James Golden and the introductory remarks of Judge Ernest H. Wells and the response to the Governor by Dr. W. L. Ransome, the pastor, were roundly applauded. The program as a whole was a fine one and much money was raised. Mr. C. H. Howlett was the prime mover of this occasion.

ATTY. CLIFFORD'S COMMENT.

"He 'longed to Gen. Lee'."

Reading in your last week's issue General U. S. Grant's slaves, brought to my memory a colored relative of General Lee.

Before the war of the Rebellion, Robert E. Lee arranged with Daniel McNeal, a very wealthy man, whose plantation was in the heart of the famous South Branch Valley, about six miles North of Moorefield, Hardy county, West Virginia, to take, locate and care for his half brother, Daniel Lee, as long as he lived.

Daniel McNeal put him on top of a mountain, six miles west of the Manor House, where everything necessary was his to get and use as long as he lived. The writer has been to his house very many times. "Uncle Daniel", as he was called, was a rapid thinker, a great talker and full of jollity. My grandfather's house was his to come to, and many be the days and nights they spent together in discussing things pro and con. He was a fine looking old man and far above the average in intelligence. He talked much and was fond of his half-brother, General Robert E. Lee.

J. R. CLIFFORD,
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

No use in falling down here, get up and go to the B. C. Meyer Jewelry Company for the latest and best supplies.